

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115–23****OFFERED BY MR. ENGEL OF NEW YORK**

At the end of subtitle H of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12\_\_ . STRATEGY TO IMPROVE DEFENSE SECTOR**  
2 **TRANSPARENCY AND CIVILIAN PROTECTION**  
3 **IN NIGERIA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall sub-  
6 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a report  
7 that contains a comprehensive strategy to support im-  
8 provements in defense sector transparency and civilian  
9 protection in Nigeria.

10 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report re-  
11 quired by subsection (a) shall include the following:

12 (1) An assessment of the threats posed by ter-  
13 rorist and other militant groups operating in Nige-  
14 ria, including Boko Haram, ISIS-WA, and Niger  
15 Delta militants, as well as a description of the ori-  
16 gins, strategic aims, tactical methods, funding  
17 sources, and leadership structures of each such orga-  
18 nization.

1           (2) An assessment of efforts by the Government  
2 of Nigeria to improve defense sector transparency  
3 and civilian protection.

4           (3) A description of the key international and  
5 United States diplomatic, development, intelligence,  
6 military, and economic resources available to address  
7 instability across Nigeria, and a plan to maximize  
8 the coordination and effectiveness of these resources  
9 to counter the threats posed by Boko Haram, ISIS-  
10 WA, and Niger Delta militants.

11          (4) An assessment of efforts undertaken by the  
12 security forces of the Government of Nigeria to im-  
13 prove the protection of civilians in the context of—

14               (A) ongoing military operations against  
15 Boko Haram in the northeast region;

16               (B) addressing farmer-herder land disputes  
17 in the Middle Belt;

18               (C) renewed militant attacks on oil and  
19 gas infrastructure in the Delta; and

20               (D) addressing pro-Biafra protests in the  
21 southeast region.

22          (5) An assessment of the effectiveness of the  
23 Civilian Joint Task Force that has been operating in  
24 parts of northeastern Nigeria in order to ensure that  
25 underage youth are not participating in government-

1 sponsored vigilante activity in violation of the Child  
2 Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–  
3 340).

4 (6) An assessment of the options for the Gov-  
5 ernment of Nigeria to eventually incorporate the Ci-  
6 vilian Joint Task Force into Nigeria’s military or  
7 law enforcement agencies or reintegrate its members  
8 into civilian life.

9 (7) A plan for the United States to work with  
10 the Nigerian military and judiciary to transparently  
11 investigate human rights violations that involved ci-  
12 vilian casualties, including the Zaria Massacre in  
13 December 2015, the Onitsha massacre in May 2016,  
14 and the bombing of the internally displaced persons  
15 camp in Rann in January 2017, that were com-  
16 mitted by the security forces of the Government of  
17 Nigeria and other security forces operating in Nige-  
18 ria, including a plan to undertake tangible measures  
19 of accountability following such investigations in  
20 order to break the cycle of conflict.

21 (8) A plan for the United States to work with  
22 the Nigerian military to improve detainee conditions  
23 in order to reduce deaths due to starvation, torture,  
24 and disease.

1           (9) A plan to work with the Nigerian military,  
2       international organizations, and nongovernmental  
3       organizations to demilitarize the humanitarian re-  
4       sponse to the food insecurity and population dis-  
5       placement in northeastern Nigeria.

6           (10) A plan for the United States to work with  
7       the Government of Nigeria to establish a high-level  
8       defense steering committee tasked with developing  
9       and implementing initiatives to improve civil-military  
10      relations, with specific emphasis on human rights ac-  
11      countability and anti-corruption agenda for the de-  
12      fense sector.

13          (11) Any other matters the President considers  
14      appropriate.

15      (c) UPDATES.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
16      on which the report required under subsection (a) is sub-  
17      mitted to the appropriate congressional committees, and  
18      annually thereafter for 5 years, the President shall submit  
19      to the appropriate congressional committees an update of  
20      the report containing updated assessments and evalua-  
21      tions on progress made on the plans described in the re-  
22      port, including—

23          (1) updated assessments on the information de-  
24      scribed in paragraphs (2), (4), and (6) of subsection  
25      (a); and

1           (2) descriptions of the steps taken and out-  
2 comes achieved under each of the plans described in  
3 paragraphs (7), (8), (9), and (10) of subsection (a),  
4 as well as assessments of the effectiveness and de-  
5 scriptions of the metrics used to evaluate effective-  
6 ness for each such plan.

7           (d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a)  
8 and the updates required under (c) shall be submitted in  
9 unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

10          (e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-  
11 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-  
12 sional committees” means—

13           (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
14 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on  
15 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-  
16 ligence of the Senate; and

17           (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
18 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on  
19 Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-  
20 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-  
21 tives.

